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BOOKS PRINTED IN ICELAND.

TO THE EDITORS OF MOD. LANG. NOTES:

SIRS:—I desire to call your attention to the very remarkable catalogue just issued by the Skandinavisk Antiquariat, in Copenhagen, of a collection of books printed in Iceland from 1584 to 1844. The catalogue contains, chronologically arranged under the different places of publication, no less than one hundred and sixty-eight titles, or more than one quarter of the whole number comprised within the same period as contained in Lidderdale's *Catalogue of the Books printed in Iceland from A. D. 1578 to 1880 in the Library of the British Museum* (1885), and in the three supplements to it compiled by Professor Willard Fiske (1886-90). The terminal dates of the present catalogue are those of the first Icelandic Bible, a copy of which is offered in this collection, and the year of the removal of the then only existing press in Iceland from Viðey to Reykjavik, a *terminus ad quem* used and justified by Professor Fiske in his bibliography. The collection includes not only Bishop Guðbrand's Bible of 1584, but Bishop Thorlák's of 1644, and Bishop Stein's of 1728. It contains, besides, to cite a few titles almost at random, the rare *Paradisar Likell* of 1686, the *Jónsbók* of 1707, the *Víjsna-Book* of 1748, and superb black-letter editions of the Sagas like the *Skálholt Olaf Saga Tryggvasonar* and the *Landnámabók* of 1688, and the *Hólar Fornmanna Sögur* and *Marg-Frooder Sögu-pættir* of 1756. Such an opportunity as is here presented to libraries and individual collectors can not, from the very nature of the case, frequently occur. Most of the books listed do not often come upon the market and some of

them not at all; and it is safe to assert that such a collection as this has never before been offered for sale. The Catalogue may be had gratis by writing to the Skandinavisk Antiquariat, 49 Gothersgade, Copenhagen.

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DIES GESCHLECHT.

TO THE EDITORS OF MOD. LANG. NOTES.

SIRS:—It seems to me that another interpretation is to be placed upon the phrase, *Dies Geschlecht*, than that given in the review of Carruth's *Wallenstein*, (March 1895, p. 85), where it is said to mean " 'this race (of ours),' i. e. mankind in general." It is a familiar biblical expression, applied (Hebrews iii, 10) to the children of Israel: "Darum ich entrüstet ward über dies Geschlecht," and would seem rather to mean 'a perverse group or class.' In the passage commented on (*Wall. Tod*, i, 7) 'this class' has reference to intriguing courtiers; in another passage in the same play, (v, 4):

Dies Geschlecht

Kann sich nicht anders freuen als bei Tisch

the term refers to men of the stamp of Illo and Terzky, 'men of this sort.'

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BRIEF MENTION.

The latest *Kort Udsigt over det Philologisk-Historiske Samfunds Virksomhed, October, 1891-October, 1894*, is of special interest as marking the fortieth anniversary of this flourishing Danish society. The pamphlet, which is much larger than usual, includes, in addition to the titles of all papers presented during the last three years, and abstracts of some of them, the title page and table of contents for 1883-1894, forming the second volume of proceedings. In the short preface, a general account is given of the progress of the society during the period under consideration, from which it appears that the R. K. Rask's *Legat* has now reached the desired amount of 2000 kr. A description is given of the *Studies* published by the society, one of which, *Chaucers Liv og Digtning*, was reviewed in this journal. (Vol. viii, p. 158.)